



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **SEPTEMBER 23, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montaña led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montaña
Vice Chair Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall
Anne S. Hill

Excused Absence

John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Staff, Commission Services

Martha Arana
Jimmy Prieto
Andrew Sevrin

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2009, were approved as submitted.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on the following newspaper articles:

"L.A. County Inmate Allegedly Beat His Cellmate to Death," Los Angeles Times, September 10, 2009, regarding an inmate who was due to transfer to a state hospital, a facility for the mentally ill, was charged with the murder of his cellmate.

“Director of Group Home is Arrested,” Los Angeles Times, September 16, 2009, regarding a San Bernardino area group home director arrested for violating his probation.

“Staff Is Disciplined After Inmate Death,” Los Angeles Times, September 23, 2009, regarding sixteen Arizona corrections employees disciplined after the death of a female inmate who died of heat-related complications, after being left in a sweltering outdoor holding cell for four hours in triple-digit heat.

Vice Chair Bacio reported the following:

“Lawyer to Probe Child Deaths,” Los Angeles Times, September 16, 2009, regarding Los Angeles County Supervisors’ approval to hire an attorney to investigate the cases of children who die while in the County’s care.

Chair Montaña reported that she, along with Commissioner Hall, attended the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) luncheon on September 10, 2009, and added the event was a success. She commended and thanked Commissioner Bigby, who is president of the NAACP, for the invitation.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Vice Chair Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$1,501.93.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORTS

There was none.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO REDUCE THE FREQUENCY OF INSPECTION REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM QUARTERLY TO BIANNUALLY.

After discussion, the Commission approved reducing the frequency of inspection reports to the Board of Supervisors from quarterly to biannually.

Motion: Vice Chair Bacio, seconded by Commissioner Bigby.
Vote: Unanimously carried.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

Orange County Children’s Foundation – 34, #4 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

The facility was visited on September 10, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Optimist Boys Home – 33, #2 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on September 17, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Need to update four of the “*Needs and Services Plan*”.

East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station – Commissioners Bacio and Moore

The facility was visited on September 17, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** Door in the holding area needs to be lowered to prohibit vermin from entering; some areas need to be painted; rust on floor to the cell entrance.

Five Acres – 19, #4 – Commissioners Bigby and Hill

The Facility was visited on September 17, 2009, and found to satisfactory condition.

Five Acres – 20, #1 – Commissioners Bigby and Hill

The facility was visited on September 18, 2009, and found to be in unsatisfactory condition. Commissioner Bigby added that per staff, this facility will be closing in two weeks.

Areas of Concern: Cleaning needed throughout the home; “Needs and Services Plan” document not on site; more hygiene materials needed; bathrooms need cleaning; living room couch needs to be replaced; new carpet needed throughout home; window seals need to be cleaned; sink in bathroom #2 needs to be repaired; bedroom #3 needs to be cleaned; pool supply door needs to be replaced.

Positive Path Youth Development Center – 39, #3 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montañó

The facility was visited on September 21, 2009, unable to inspect, no one was home.

Dream Catcher Foundation – 14, #3 - Commissioners Bacio and Moore

The facility was visited on September 22, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Computer monitor needs to be repaired; “Needs and Services Plan” not on site; *Daily Activities Log* not posted.

Dream Home Care, Inc. – 15, #1 – Commissioner Montañó

The facility was visited on September 22, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Hillsides Home for Children – 25, #2 - Commissioners Bigby and Hill

The facility was visited on September 22, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Montañó adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m. in the memory of actor Patrick Swayze, who lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on September 14, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Arana
Commission Services Division